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Election/Restrictions

- 1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:
 - a. Drawn to the configuration of the wheel assembly, including subspecies:
 - i. Drawn to Figures 1-4, 6-7, and 25
 - ii. Drawn to Figure 5
 - b. Drawn to the configuration of the run-flat "spare" tire, including subspecies:
 - i. Drawn to Figure 3
 - ii. Drawn to Figures 8-9
 - iii. Drawn to Figure 10
 - iv. Drawn to Figure 11
 - v. Drawn to Figure 12
 - vi. Drawn to Figure 13
 - vii. Drawn to Figure 14
 - viii. Drawn to Figure 15
 - ix. Drawn to Figure 16
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 - xiii. Drawn to Figure 20
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xv. Drawn to Figures 22-23

xvi. Drawn to Figure 24

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Namely, the Applicant must elect a single subspecies from both species (a) and (b).

Currently, claim 1 is considered to be generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over

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the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

2. A telephone call was made to Mr. Paul Brown on 10 March 2005 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason R Bellinger whose telephone number is 703-308-6298. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs (9:00-4:30).

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